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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: PRC TRANSFER OF IRBM'S TO  
SAUDI ARABIA

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED AND USED IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE 03/18/88 WASHINGTON TIMES AND  
WASHINGTON POST ARTICLES CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF  
CHINESE IRBM'S TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. Q: WAS THE CHINESE SALE OF IRBM'S TO SAUDI ARABIA  
RAISED DURING FOREIGN MINISTER WU'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON?

3. A: SECRETARY SHULTZ RAISED THE PRC'S TRANSFER OF  
IRBM'S TO SAUDI ARABIA WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WU XUEQIAN  
DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. FOREIGN MINISTER WU  
REPLIED THAT CHINA WILL NOT EXPORT NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO ANY  
COUNTRY. WE HAVE SINCE RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH OTHER  
CHINESE OFFICIALS AND THEY HAVE REPEATED THESE ASSURANCES.

4. Q: WHAT IS THE US REACTION TO THE PRC'S ROLE IN THE  
TRANSFER OF IRBM'S TO SAUDI ARABIA?

5. A: THE UNITED STATES HAS WORKED CONSISTENTLY TO  
PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS.  
ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WE HAVE RAISED WITH CHINA OUR DESIRE  
TO CONTROL PROLIFERATION OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGIES OF THIS  
SORT. WE REMAIN GREATLY CONCERNED WITH THE IMPLICATIONS  
FOR PEACE AND STABILITY INHERENT IN THE INTRODUCTION OF  
THIS WEAPONS SYSTEMS INTO THE MIDDLE EAST.. WE WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE PRC GOVERNMENT ON  
THIS MATTER.

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